

What is claimed is:

1. A card reader for reading card data recorded in a card, comprising:

an insertion passage adapted to accept a card, said insertion passage including a stopper member with which an end of the card comes in contact when it is inserted in a main body by a predetermined length;

a breakage detector for detecting whether said stopper member has been broken; and

an error processor, coupled to said breakage detector, for executing an error process when the breakage of said stopper member is detected by said breakage detector.

2. The card reader of claim 1, further comprising:

a conductor, said conductor running along said stopper member;

wherein said breakage detector detects whether the conductor has been cut.

3. The card reader of claim 1, wherein said stopper member further comprises:

a pawl portion formed at a position between a light-emitting unit and a light-receiving unit arranged facing each other, and said breakage detector detects whether said light-receiving unit is receiving light emitted from said light-emitting unit.

4. The card reader of claims 1, 2, or 3, further comprising:

a shutter member driven between a first state when said insertion passage is blocked and a second state when said insertion passage is opened;

wherein, when said breakage detector has detected the breakage of said stopper member, the shutter member is driven to said first state.

5. A card reader comprising:

an insertion passage adapted for accepting a card, said insertion passage comprising a stopper member in which an end of the card comes into contact when it is inserted in a main body by a predetermined length; and a shielding member, said shielding member being directly or indirectly anchored to said stopper member;

wherein said shielding member shields said insertion passage when said stopper member has been broken or is in a state of not being anchored.

6. The card reader of claim 5, further comprising:

a breakage detector for detecting the breakage of said stopper member; and

an error processor for executing an error process when the breakage of said stopper member is detected by said breakage detector.

7. A card reader comprising:

an insertion passage for accepting a card, said insertion passage including a stopper member with which an end of the card comes in contact when the card is inserted in said insertion passage by a predetermined length; and

a breakage detector for detecting whether said stopper member has been broken.